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Petitioner, CLYDE R. HUSK, respectfully prays that a writ of certiorari issue to review the judgment of the District Court of Appeal of Florida, Third District, entered on August 25, 1964, in a split decision, which reversed the judgment of the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, in and for Dade County, Florida.

OPINIONS BELOW

1. The order of the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, in and for Dade County, Florida, discharging petitioner from custody entered by said Circuit Court on October 18, 1963, annexed hereto as Appendix A p. 1a-3a.

2. The opinion of the District Court of Appeal of Florida, Third District, annexed hereto as Appendix A p. 3a-11a, is reported as the case of *T. A. Buchanan vs. State of Florida ex rel. Clyde R. Husk, Fla. 167 So. 2d 38.*

3. Order of Supreme Court of Florida entered on February 17, 1965, denying certiorari in a four to three decision, annexed hereto as Appendix A p. 12a. This order is not reported.

4. Opinion of Supreme Court of Florida entered on March 3, 1965, vacating previous order of February 17, 1965, and denying certiorari, reported as the case of *State of Florida ex rel. Clyde R. Husk vs. T. A. Buchanan, Fla. 174 So. 2d 742*, annexed hereto as Appendix A p. 13a-14a.

5. An order of the Supreme Court of Florida denying petition for rehearing was entered on April 7, 1965, annexed hereto as Appendix A p. 14a and is reported as the case of *State of Florida ex rel. Clyde R. Husk vs. T. A. Buchanan, Fla. 174 So. 2d 742.*

JURISDICTIONAL STATEMENT

Jurisdiction of this Court is invoked under Title 28, U.S.C., Sec. 1257(3).

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Was petitioner deprived of his rights under the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States to such an extent that he could never regain his status quo in any trial because of the following actions, upon the part of the prosecuting attorney:

(a) Obtaining the presence of petitioner, a County employee, by telephoning petitioner to come to his office without disclosing the matter involved or giving any reason therefor.

(b) Failing to inform petitioner that every other person connected with the alleged crime had been given immunity before petitioner was questioned by prosecuting attorney.

(c) Accusing petitioner of a crime and interrogating him in the presence of a witness granted immunity by the State thereby nullifying forever the right of petitioner to invoke the rule at any future trial.

(d) Depriving petitioner of the right to have a lawyer before being questioned.

(e) Requiring petitioner to remain for interrogation after petitioner had stated he would answer no further questions until he had obtained a lawyer.

(f) Interrogating the witness, granted immunity, in the presence of the petitioner.

(g) Calling petitioner a perjurer because his an-

swers did not conform to those of said witness granted immunity.

(h) Subjecting petitioner to the most degrading humiliation for the purpose of inducing petitioner to incriminate himself.

2. Is the State of Florida barred from using the waiver of immunity obtained from petitioner against petitioner because of the conduct of the State's prosecuting attorney set forth in question No. 1 for the reason that petitioner was deprived of his rights under the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States? (If the answer to this question is in the affirmative, then immunity has been granted to petitioner under Florida Statute 932.29.).

CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS AND STATUTES INVOLVED

The Fifth and pertinent parts of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States are set forth in Appendix B hereto, p. 1b, infra.

The pertinent section of the United States Code, being Title 28, Section 1257(3), is set forth in Appendix B hereto, p. 2b, infra.

The pertinent Florida statutes, being F.S.A. 27.04, F.S.A. 932.29, F.S.A. 905.17, are set forth in Appendix B hereto, p. 2b-4b, infra.

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

On March 29, 1963, petitioner was telephoned by the Assistant State Attorney of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, in and for Dade County, Florida, hereinafter designated "prosecuting attorney", before any charges had been made against petitioner, and asked to drop by said prosecuting attorney's office (R. 15).

The petitioner, a County employee, immediately complied. Petitioner was not informed when asked to drop by the prosecuting attorney's office of the reason such a meeting was desired and was given no notice of the purpose of said conference. When petitioner arrived he was called in by Mr. Arthur Huttoe, prosecuting attorney, and for the first time he was told that an investigation was being made on possible pay-offs to public officials (R. 15). When asked to sign a waiver of immunity petitioner said to said prosecuting attorney, "Is this the proper thing to do?" (R. 16).

Immediately thereafter petitioner said to the prosecuting attorney, "I wonder if I shouldn't have a lawyer before I start signing something I am not exactly sure of." (R. 17). (Had petitioner been informed by the prosecuting attorney in the telephone conversation of the nature of the meeting, the petitioner could have consulted counsel before he entered the private offices of the prosecuting attorney.)

While petitioner was being interrogated by the prosecuting attorney, MR. PETER J. MAIMONE was brought into the room and allowed to listen to the interrogation of petitioner. MAIMONE was also questioned in the presence of petitioner. At the time petitioner was asked to

come to the prosecuting attorney's office, and at the time petitioner was questioned, there was no one who could be prosecuted by the State of Florida for the alleged criminal offense except the petitioner, since the prosecuting attorney had already given immunity to MAIMONE and the operator of the Crossway Airport Inn. Therefore, the only purpose for calling in petitioner was to attempt to get him to incriminate himself. Petitioner was not informed that immunity had previously been given to MAIMONE and the operator of the Crossway Airport Inn (R. 64-104).

The petitioner was accused of perjury. He was restrained of his liberty, and when he stated that he did not choose to say anything further until he obtained a lawyer, the prosecuting attorney responded, "What if I want to ask you some more questions? I am going to ask you some more questions." Mr. Husk then stated, "I refuse to answer any more. I have said all I am going to say unless you have questions on another matter." The prosecuting attorney replied, "No, I am going to ask you some more questions on this and I am going to question you with him (MAIMONE) sitting here." (R. 71-72). The petitioner later informed the prosecuting attorney that he felt that he was on trial rather than being questioned and the prosecuting attorney then informed him he was not on trial, that he had been accused by a long time friend and buddy whom he drank beer with, and that he did not have enough courage or guts to tell MAIMONE, who was sitting there, that he was a liar. The prosecuting attorney then stated that if anyone had accused him of taking $500.00 he would tell them they were a liar, a damn liar, right to their face, unless it was true and that petitioner didn't have the courage and guts to do the same because he

knew that MAIMONE had spoken the truth (R. 97-98). Thereafter petitioner was asked whether or not he would take a lie detector test and he replied that he would be willing to after he talked to a lawyer. The prosecuting attorney then proceeded to attempt to force petitioner to take a lie detector test and insisted on arranging it at that moment. The prosecuting attorney several times thereafter further insisted that petitioner take a lie detector test and when petitioner responded with how many times did he have to repeat that he wanted to talk to a lawyer, the prosecuting attorney said, "I know the old game." (R. 99-103).

During the interrogation of the petitioner by the prosecuting attorney, there was also present the prosecuting attorney's investigator, MR. HAL McINTYRE (R. 93).

It would unduly lengthen this petition to set forth the indignities and humiliation that petitioner was subjected to by the State of Florida, through its prosecuting attorney, and it can only be found in exact detail by the transcript taken by the prosecuting attorney's court reporter in this record beginning on Page 15 and ending on Page 104.

A few days after petitioner was interrogated by the prosecuting attorney, a criminal charge was filed against him. Petitioner was forced, from the publicity received, to resign his position of Traffic Engineer with Dade County. After the criminal charge of bribery was quashed by the Criminal Court of Record, in and for Dade County, Florida, the prosecuting attorney then filed an information for Accepting a Bribe (R. 11-13). Thereafter petitioner obtained employment outside the State of Flor-

ida after being released on bond. When he was later in Dade County, Florida, his bondsman surrendered him to the Sheriff, in and for Dade County, Florida. Petitioner then filed for writ of habeas corpus in the Circuit Court, in and for Dade County, Florida, and attached thereto a copy of the questions and answers and proceedings which occurred before the prosecuting attorney (R. 1-104). The petitioner contended in said petition for writ of habeas corpus as follows:

1. Petitioner was deprived of his rights under the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

2. Petitioner was deprived of his rights under the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

3. He was compelled to testify in a proceeding not authorized by law.

4. He was compelled to testify in the presence of another witness, who had been granted immunity, and who testified contrary to the petitioner.

5. He was led to believe that the proceeding was a legal one, authorized by law, in which it was proper to sign a waiver of immunity, the petitioner knowing at such time that the failure to sign a waiver of immunity before a Grand Jury or any properly conducted legal proceedings, would be a ground for his discharge as an employee of the County.

6. That petitioner is immune from prosecution for the offense charged in the instant case.

The Court granted the writ of habeas corpus and required the State of Florida to file a return thereto. The State of Florida simply answered that the petitioner *voluntarily* appeared in the office of the prosecuting attorney and freely and voluntarily executed a waiver of immunity and thereafter gave sworn testimony to said prosecuting attorney.

The hearing before the Court which resulted in petitioner's discharge by the Circuit Judge, was fully reported and is contained in the record in Pages 117 through 155. At the conclusion of the hearing the Court stated:

> "My order is that having heard the State's case and the case for the prisoner, the Court is convinced that the State Attorney in his investigation, although sincere and with a desire to do good in the interest of the public, the Court feels that he was indeed too enthusiastic, and the Court feels likewise that the behavior of the State Attorney with reference to how the so-called waiver of immunity was received was not in keeping with what the Court believes to be the direct concept of the rights of an individual being in an office which in and of itself is a coercive situs, in that it is well known to all people called into a prosecution office that that which befalls them may be out of their control completely.
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> "The Court feels that the State Attorney partic-

> ularly did not answer the question of the accused or the prisoner when the inquiry was made of him—when the direct inquiry was made of him, 'Should I have an attorney?'
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> "The State Attorney skirted the question, but as yet the question, in this Court's opinion, remained unanswered." (R. 152-153)

The Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, in and for Dade County, Florida, entered a three page order (R. 108-110) in which the Court stated:

> "* * * and the Court is of the further opinion that under the Statute covering the right of the State Attorney to call in witnesses, that the State may only call a witness for the State. It is apparent that MR. HUSK desired counsel and the Court is of the opinion that immunity has been granted to petitioner by the State. The Court is of the further opinion that the State allowed PETER J. MAIMONE, whom the State admitted had been previously given immunity, to be present during a great deal of the interrogation of petitioner and that he gave testimony at the same time confronting the petitioner. The Court is of the opinion that petitioner was deprived of his rights under Section 12 of the Declaration of Rights of the Florida Constitution and under the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments of the Constitution of the United States.

"It is, therefore,

"ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the motion of petitioner for discharge from custody, aforesaid, is hereby granted and it is,

"ORDERED that the respondent or his deputy in charge forthwith discharge petitioner.

"DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami, Dade County, Florida, this 18th day of October, 1963."

The State of Florida took an appeal to the District Court of Appeal of Florida, Third District. The State of Florida took the position that Florida Statute 27.04 entitled the State to obtain the presence of petitioner, even though not subpoenaed, and that when asked to come in to the prosecuting attorney's office, with no notice of the purpose therefor, that the appearance was voluntary. Said Statute is as follows:

"27.04 *SUMMONING AND EXAMINING WITNESSES FOR STATE*

The state attorney shall have summoned all witnesses required on behalf of the state; and he is allowed the process of his court to summon witnesses from throughout the state to appear before him in or out of term time at such convenient places in the state attorney's judicial circuit and at such convenient times as may be designated in the summons, to testify before him as to any violation of the criminal law upon

which they may be interrogated, and he is empowered to administer oaths to all witnesses summoned to testify by the process of his court or who may voluntarily appear before him to testify as to any violation or violations of the criminal law."

The State further contended that the waiver of immunity was valid and that Florida Statute 932.29 would not apply. (If the waiver of immunity was improperly obtained and was therefore void, Florida Statute 932.29 would grant immunity to petitioner.) Said Statute is as follows:

"932.29 SAME; PERSON NOT EXCUSED FROM TESTIFYING IN CERTAIN PROSECUTIONS ON GROUND TESTIMONY MIGHT INCRIMINATE HIM; IMMUNITY FROM PROSECUTION

"No person shall be excused from attending and testifying, or producing any book, paper or other document before any court upon any investigation, proceeding or trial, for a violation of any of the statutes of this state against bribery, burglary, larceny, gaming or gambling, or of any of the statutes against the illegal sale of spirituous, vinous or malt liquors, upon the ground or for the reason that the testimony or evidence, documentary or otherwise, required of him may tend to convict him of a crime or to subject him to a penalty or forfeiture, but no person shall be prosecuted or subjected to any penalty or forfeiture for or on account of any

transaction, matter or thing concerning which he may so testify or produce evidence, documentary or otherwise, and no testimony so given or produced shall be received against him upon any criminal investigation or proceeding."

The District Court of Appeal of Florida, Third District, in a two to one decision (Appendix A p. 3a-11a) reversed the Circuit Court. The dissenting opinion agreed with the Circuit Judge that petitioner's constitutional rights were violated in that he was required to attend and answer to a criminal charge in an accusatory proceeding at which he was effectively denied the right of counsel and that during said proceeding he was required to give evidence against himself. The dissenter further said, "It affirmatively appears that it was upon the basis of information thus illegally procured that he was then charged with the crime upon which he was held at the time of the habeas corpus hearing."

A petition for certiorari was filed in the Supreme Court of Florida and the Supreme Court of Florida in a four to three decision, entered its order on February 17, 1965, denying certiorari. (Appendix A p. 12a) Thereafter on March 3, 1965, the Supreme Court of Florida, entered its opinion vacating its preceding order of February 17, 1965, and denied certiorari in a five to one decision. (Appendix A p. 13a-14a) Thereafter petitioner's petition for rehearing was denied on April 7, 1965. (Appendix A p. 14a)

REASONS FOR GRANTING THE WRIT

The contacting of petitioner by the prosecuting attorney on the telephone and asking petitioner to drop in said prosecutor's office with no notice or reason given for

said conference, coupled with the actions and conduct of the State of Florida, through its prosecuting attorney, amounts to a gross violation of petitioner's rights under the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States. The only effective way to discourage this type of procedure, in cases where the status quo of a person is forever lost, is to bar the State from prosecution as was the opinion of the Circuit Judge, one of the three Judges of the District Court of Appeal of Florida, Third District, and apparently three of the seven members of the Supreme Court of Florida at one time. (This view has also been adopted by the Supreme Court of the State of Washington in the case of *State of Washington vs. William F. Cory, 382 Pacific 2d 1019 (1963)).*

ARGUMENT

The record in this case sets out the uncontradicted facts of what occurred from the time the prosecuting attorney telephoned the petitioner until petitioner's inquisition was completed in said prosecuting attorney's office. Very little argument would benefit the Court since the facts speak for themselves. The prosecuting attorney evidently is of the opinion that he can make any person's appearance before the State Attorney *voluntary* if he simply telephones them to drop in. He, therefore, is of the opinion that he is then brought under Florida Statute 27.04 and that having obtained the presence of the person in his office, is free to proceed in any manner he sees fit.

The petitioner can never regain his status quo in any future trial as he has lost forever his right to invoke the rule as to witnesses being present in the court room ex-

cept when they testify because Mr. Maimone was allowed to be present when petitioner was interrogated by the prosecuting attorney. It can be stated no better than this Court stated it in the case of *Escobedo v. Illinois, 378 U.S. 478, 12 L. ed. 2d 977, 84 S. Ct. 1758, 32 Law Week 4605,* which was as follows:

> "* * * We hold only that when the process shifts from investigatory to accusatory—when its focus is on the accused and its purpose is to elicit a confession—our adversary system begins to operate and . . . the accused must be permitted to consult with his lawyer."

The prosecuting attorney had already conferred immunity upon the only other two people who could possibly be charged in the alleged bribery which petitioner was interrogated about. Therefore, it was not an investigation as the prosecuting attorney had already determined to file charges against petitioner but by naming his so-called actions an investigation he attempted, and did, force the petitioner to incriminate himself. There was no one else who could be charged in the alleged crime but petitioner when petitioner was telephoned to drop by the prosecuting attorney's office.

The prosecuting attorney prefers the method of calling a person on the telephone to drop by his office rather than issuing a subpoena. In this way he does not divulge the reason for desiring the presence of the person telephoned and probably a person can be induced to enter the offices of the prosecuting attorney before consulting counsel. If a subpoena were used it would state the purpose in the subpoena and would allow a reasonable time to the person subpoenaed to appear. When this method

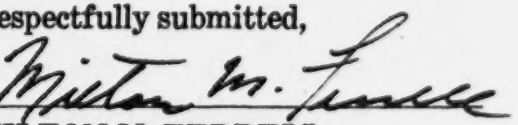
is used the person so subpoenaed usually contacts counsel. The State can make any attendance, where a subpoena is not issued, a *voluntary* one by simply asking someone to come by their office. I do not believe appearances under such procedure can be correctly termed voluntary.

If a State, through its prosecuting attorney, can, for the purpose of depriving one of counsel, lure a person suspected of a criminal offense into the office of the prosecutor without disclosing the reason therefor and actually place him on trial where he is surrounded by the prosecutor, the prosecutor's investigator and confronted by witnesses previousy granted immunity, and be allowed to badger, humiliate and degrade said person, then the Federal Constitution is of little benefit to one so treated. This is especially so when the person is continually requesting a lawyer and is told more questions are going to be propounded because the prosecutor thinks he is a perjurer and hasn't the guts and courage to call the immunized witness a liar. (It appears from the interrogation that the prosecuting attorney was encouraging a brawl or fist fight between petitioner and the witness previously granted immunity.)

CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated, this petition for a writ of certiorari should be granted.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPENDIX A

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA — AT LAW NO. HC 2470

STATE OF FLORIDA ex rel.
CLYDE R. HUSK,

Petitioner,

-vs-

T. A. BUCHANAN, as Metropolitan Sheriff of Dade County, Florida,

Respondent.

ORDER ON MOTION FOR DISCHARGE

This cause coming on to be heard upon motion of the petitioner that he be discharged and the Metropolitan Sheriff having produced the petitioner before this Court and the Court having examined the information against the petitioner in the Criminal Court of Record, in and for Dade County, Florida, entitled "Accepting a Bribe" and it appearing that the first indictment and information filed on April 12, 1963, entitled "Bribery" was quashed and it appearing to the Court from said information entitled "Accepting a Bribe" that the State in effect alleges that PETER J. MAIMONE and CLYDE R. HUSK entered into an agreement whereby MAIMONE would solicit a bribe from the operator of the Cross-Way Airport Inn in the sum of $1,000.00 and divide the same between the two and alleging further that said $1,000.00 was paid to said MAIMONE under said agreement. It further appears that immunity was granted to PETER J. MAIMONE by the State Attorney, in and for Dade County, Florida. The

Court is of the opinion that from the allegations of said information the State has in effect alleged that MAIMONE and petitioner were principles and that the offense of accepting a bribe was consummated at the time and place MAIMONE solicited or accepted said $1,000.00. The Court is of the further opinion that if the alleged crime of accepting a bribe was committed, it was committed when MAIMONE solicited or accepted said $1,000.00 and not when MAIMONE allegedly paid over $500.00 to petitioner. The Court therefore finds that the above mentioned information for "Accepting a Bribe" filed in the Criminal Court of Record, in and for Dade County, Florida, in the case of STATE OF FLORIDA vs. CLYDE R. HUSK, Case No. G.J. 63-3066, fails to allege a crime against petitioner under the laws of the State of Florida, and the Court is of the further opinion that under the Statute covering the right of the State Attorney to call in witnesses, that the State may only call a witness for the State. It is apparent that MR. HUSK desired counsel and the Court is of the opinion that immunity has been granted to petitioner by the State. The Court is of the further opinion that the State allowed PETER J. MAIMONE, whom the State admitted had been previously given immunity, to be present during a great deal of the interrogation of petitioner and that he gave testimony at the same time confronting the petitioner. The Court is of the opinion that petitioner was deprived of his right under Section 12 of the Declaration of Rights of the Florida Constitution and under the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments of the Constitution of the United States.

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/s/ PAT CANNON
Circuit Judge

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL OF FLORIDA
THIRD DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL
JULY TERM, A.D. 1964

CASE NO. 63-795

T. A. BUCHANAN, as Metropolitan Sheriff of Dade County, Florida,

Appellant,

vs.

STATE OF FLORIDA, ex rel., CLYDE R. HUSK,

Appellee.

Opinion filed August 25, 1964.

An Appeal from the Circuit Court for Dade County, Pat Cannon, Judge.

Richard E. Gerstein, State Attorney and Joseph Durant, Assistant State Attorney, for appellant.

Milton Ferrell, for appellee.

Before CARROLL, TILLMAN PEARSON and HENDRY, JJ.

CARROLL, Judge.

This is an authorized appeal from a judgment in habeas corpus entered in the circuit court by which a prisoner awaiting trial on the charge of receiving a bribe was discharged.

The relator, the appellee Clyde R. Husk, was a civil engineer employed by Metropolitan Dade County with the title of Traffic Engineer of the Public Works Department of the county, whose duties consisted of traffic planning and installation of traffic control devices.

On May 3, 1963, an information was issued charging Husk with accepting a bribe in violation of § 838.012, Fla. Stat., F.S.A. The information charged that Husk accepted a $500 bribe from the owner of an inn bordering a highway for a traffic light installation there. As to how the receipt of the bribe came about the information alleged, in substance, that Husk solicited the bribe through one Peter Maimone as a go-between; and that at the instance of and by agreement with Husk, Maimone obtained from the property owner $1,000 which he and Husk divided.

The bribe was alleged to have been solicited and received March 8, 1963 in Dade County. Some time between that date and the issuance of the information in May, Husk was called before an assistant state attorney

and interrogated by the latter with reference to the subject matter referred to. At that time Husk signed a written waiver of immunity. Later, after the information was issued, Husk filed a motion to quash in the criminal court of record where the cause was pending, in which motion it was contended the information failed to allege a crime under the laws of Florida. The motion to quash was denied. Some months later, after having pleaded not guilty and while released on bail awaiting trial, Husk surrendered himself into custody and filed in the circuit court in Dade County a petition in habeas corpus, contending the information did not state a crime and that the criminal court was without jurisdiction to proceed because he had gained immunity from having been interrogated by the state attorney. A writ of habeas corpus was issued, and answered by the state. On hearing thereon Husk was discharged, and this appeal followed.

In granting habeas corpus and discharging Husk, the circuit court ruled that the information did not state a crime under the laws of Florida, and also ruled that Husk was entitled to immunity as a result of his prior interrogation before an assistant state attorney, under § 932.29, Fla.Stat., F.S.A.

In support of the appeal the state argues that the court was in error in concluding that the information did not allege a crime under the laws of the State of Florida, and in concluding that the waiver of immunity given by Husk was not effective to deprive him of immunity for the interrogation.

The scope of inquiry in the circuit court habeas corpus was limited to a determination of the validity of the stat-

ute under which Husk was charged and as to whether the allegations of the information wholly failed to state any offense under the laws of the State of Florida.[1] The circuit court did not go beyond that limited scope in its consideration of the information on habeas corpus, but held that no crime was stated. The reason given by the circuit court for so holding was, in effect, that because the information alleged Husk used a go-between to propose and obtain a bribe, his receipt of the bribe money was not a crime under the laws of Florida. The statement of that proposition supplies its answer. A person who deals for and obtains a bribe through an agent or go-between, may be in violation of a statute against receiving bribes equally as if he dealt directly. It would unduly lengthen this opinion to quote the information here, and to set out in full the Florida Statute against receiving a bribe. The validity of the statute was not assailed, and a reading of the information shows that a crime was charged under that

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[1]This well established rule has been announced through the years by the Florida Supreme Court. It was early stated in Ex parte Prince, 27 Fla. 196, 9 So. 659, 660, as follows: "* * * [W]here an indictment has been found which, although subject to attack and overthrow upon demurrer, contains enough to show that an offense has been committed of which the court has jurisdiction, the party charged cannot be discharged on writ of *habeas corpus,* but will be remitted to the court in which the indictment is pending for such proceedings as the law may warrant * * * The writ cannot be used as a substitute for a demurrer, a motion to quash, a writ of error, or an appeal or *certiorari.* * * *" See In re Robinson, 73 Fla. 1068, 75 So. 604, 606; Hepburn v. Chapman, 109 Fla. 133, 149 So. 196, 198-199; Taylor v. Chapman, 127 Fla. 401, 173 So. 143; State ex rel. Franc v. Henderson, Fla. 1952, 57 So.2d 840, 841; State ex rel. Leonard v. Kelly, Fla. 1957, 92 So.2d 172; Kelly v. State ex rel. Curry, Fla. 1957, 92 So.2d 178; 15 Fla.Jur., Habeas Corpus, § 33.

In conformity with the foregoing it was said: "* * * The power to discharge from custody by writ of habeas corpus is one that should be exercised with extreme caution and only in a clear case and must be exercised in aid of the administration of justice, not to defeat or needlessly embarrass it. * * *" Reffkin v. Mayo, 115 Fla. 214, 155 So. 677, 678. Accord Taylor v. Chapman, supra.

statute. The reason for holding otherwise by the circuit judge on habeas corpus was unsound, and the holding constituted error.[2]

Turning now to the second question, relating to the ruling of the circuit court on the immunity, we hold that it was error for the circuit court to discharge Husk on that ground. This is so because the circuit court was without jurisdiction, as the appropriate remedy at that stage of the case in the criminal court of record would be to challenge the jurisdiction of the latter court to proceed by claiming immunity, and then, if that court proceeded, to seek relief by writ of prohibition in the appropriate court, that is, in the court having appellate jurisdiction of the criminal court of record. Where a case is pending in the criminal court against a person claiming immunity (such as under § 932.29, Fla.Stat., F.S.A.) it would be the duty of the criminal court involved to give effect to such immunity if it existed. Should the criminal court in such a case refuse to recognize the immunity the further action of that court in prosecuting the cause would amount to an excess of jurisdiction which then would be subject to restraint by prohibition. State ex rel. Reynolds v. Newell, Fla. 1958, 102 So.2d 613, 615; State ex rel. Byer, Fla.1951, 54 So.2d 179; State ex rel. Marshall v. Petteway, 121 Fla. 822, 164 So. 872.

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[2]We pretermit ruling on whether the action of the circuit court in habeas corpus amounted to an unauthorized appellate review of the criminal court's holding thereon, because we have concluded that on the basis on which the circuit court ruled on the question of whether the information alleged a crime it was in error. We point out, however, that the offense charged was a felony and within the jurisdiction of the criminal court of record as to which the circuit court did not have appellate jurisdiction, and that a motion to quash the information had been filed, considered and denied in the criminal court of record on the identical ground of failure to state a crime under the laws of Florida.

For the reasons stated, and for the further reason that the immunity claimed is considered waived by a plea of not guilty,[3] we hold the trial court was in error in discharging the petitioner on the ground of immunity.

In the circumstances presented the writ should have been denied and an order of remand entered. Accordingly the judgment appealed from should be and hereby is reversed.

Reversed.

TILLMAN PEARSON, Judge (dissenting).

The circuit judge, in his order discharging the prisoner, grounded his decision, in part, upon the following facts which he found:

> "***** and the Court is of the further opinion that under the Statute covering the right of the State Attorney to call in witnesses, that the State may only call a witness before the State. It is apparent that Mr. Husk desired counsel and the Court is of the opinion that immunity has been granted to the petitioner by the State. The Court is of the further opinion that the State allowed Peter J. Maimone, whom the State admitted had been previously given immunity, to be present during a great deal of the interrogation of petitioner and that he gave testimony at the same time confronting the petitioner. The Court is of the opinion that petitioner was de-

[3]See Poppell v. State, 148 Fla. 275, 4 So.2d 331; Bazarte v. State, Fla.App. 1959, 114 So.2d 500.

> prived of his right under Sect. 12 of the Declaration of Rights of the Florida Constitution and under the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments of the Constitution of the United States."

It is because of the facts referred to in this portion of the Circuit Judge's order that I am impelled to dissent to the decision in this case, even though there is much in the majority opinion that is undoubtedly the law and with which I therefore can have no disagreement.

The State Attorney produced a copy of the proceedings in his office and this record is attached to the petition for habeas corpus. I believe that the interrogation of the petitioner, as revealed by the transcript of that interrogation, affords an adequate legal basis for the finding of the Circuit Judge that the petitioner's constitutional rights were violated in that he was required to attend and answer to a criminal charge in an accusitory proceeding at which he was effectively denied the right of counsel and that during said proceeding he was required to give evidence against himself. It affirmatively appears that it was upon the basis of information thus illegally procured that he was then charged with the crime upon which he was held at the time of the habeas corpus hearing."

If this is true, is the remedy only by appeal and not by petition for habeas corpus? In Milton v. Cochran, Fla. 1962, 147 So.2d 137, which was a post conviction habeas corpus proceeding, the defendant complained that a coerced confession had been improperly admitted into evidence. The Supreme Court held that the confession had

not been coerced and therefore, the writ was discharged. But the Court did say:

> "The obvious importance of the confession to the conviction obtained against petitioner and the allegations of abuse and of interrogation for long periods of time, coupled with the long delay in taking the petitioner before a magistrate, suggested a possible deprivation of due process so as to warrant our consideration of this matter on habeas corpus."

It appears to me that the findings of the Circuit Judge bring this case exactly under a deprivation of due process so as to warrant his consideration of the matter on habeas corpus. The petitioner urges that he was unconstitutionally interrogated as a part of a plan to secure evidence which would tend to prove him guilty of a crime of which he was already, in all except formality, charged. If we concede that the facts before the circuit judge may have been a basis for his determination that this much was true, the next step is to inquire if the petitioner can lawfully be tried by the court in which he is now charged upon an information resulting from the unconstitutional interrogation.

It has often been held in Florida that habeas corpus will lie to prevent a prosecution upon an unconstitutional statute or ordinance. Quigley v. State, 99 Fla. 933, 127 So. 898, Cason v. Quinby, 60 Fla. 35, 53 So. 741.

It has further been held that the *jurisdiction* of a court to render a judgment depends upon the due observ-

ance of the constitutional rights of the accused. Sneed v. Mayo, Fla. 1953, 66 So.2d 865.

Even though it is undoubtedly true that habeas corpus should not be used to interrupt the orderly prosecution of a criminal case, I feel that in this instance the Circuit Court had the jurisdiction to issue the writ and the discretion to do so. It is sound public policy, required as the only effective means of preserving the constitutional guarantees, that a subsequent information charging the commission of a crime concerning which one was unconstitutionally interrogated and based in whole or in part upon such unconstitutional interrogatories is invalid. See full discussion in State v. Sly, S. D. 1934, 257 N. W. 113.

I recognize that there is a substantial procedural question as to whether the petitioner should be required first to move in the trial court to quash the information, or required both to so move and then appeal from his conviction. No purpose would now be served by a discussion of this question because I understand the majority opinion to hold that the Circuit Court was without jurisdiction to entertain the petition for the writ. It is from such holding that I dissent.

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JANUARY TERM, A. D. 1965
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1965

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STATE OF FLORIDA, ex rel.,
CLYDE R. HUSK,

Petitioner,

vs.

T. A. BUCHANAN, as Metropolitan Sheriff of
Dade County, Florida,

Respondent.

This cause having heretofore been submitted to the Court on Petition for Writ of Certiorari upon the transcript of record and briefs to review the order of the District Court of Appeal, Third District of Florida, in said cause bearing date August 25, 1964,, and the record having been inspected, it is ordered that said Petition be and the same is hereby denied.

THOMAS, THORNAL, O'CONNELL and ERVIN, JJ., concur

DREW, C.J., ROBERTS AND CALDWELL, JJ., dissent and would set for argument on jurisdiction and merits.

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PER CURIAM.

The order herein of February 17, 1965 denying certiorari is hereby vacated, set aside and held for naught.

Upon further inspection of the record and further consideration by the Court, the petition for certiorari

herein directed to the decision of the District Court of Appeal, Third District of Florida, dated August 25, 1964 be and the same is hereby denied.

It is so ordered.

DREW, C.J., THOMAS, THORNAL, O'CONNELL and CALDWELL, JJ., concur

ROBERTS, J., dissents—would grant on jurisdiction and merits

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On consideration of the Petition for Rehearing filed by Attorneys for Petitioner,

IT IS ORDERED by the Court that said petition be, and the same is hereby, denied.

APPENDIX B

United States Constitution

Amendment V — Protection for Persons and Their Property

No person shall be held to answer for a capital or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a grand jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the militia, when in actual service in time of war or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.

Amendment XIV — Citizenship; Privileges and Immunities; Due Process; Equal Protection; Apportionment of Representation; Disqualification of Officers; Public Debt; Enforcement

Section 1. All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to

any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

United States Code, Title 28

Sec. 1257. State courts; appeal; certiorari

Final judgments or decrees rendered by the highest court of a State in which a decision could be had, may be reviewed by the Supreme Court as follows:

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(3) By writ of certiorari, where the validity of a treaty or statute of the United States is drawn in question or where the validity of a State statute is drawn in question on the ground of its being repugnant to the Constitution, treaties or laws of the United States, or where any title, right, privilege or immunity is specially set up or claimed under the Constitution, treaties or statutes of, or commission held or authority exercised under, the United States. June 25, 1948, c. 646, 62 Stat. 929.

Florida Statutes

F.S.A. 27.04 — SUMMONING AND EXAMINING WITNESSES FOR STATE

The state attorney shall have summoned all witnesses required on behalf of the state; and he is allowed the process of his court to summon witnesses from throughout the state to appear before

him in or out of term time at such convenient places in the state attorney's judicial circuit and at such convenient times as may be designated in the summons, to testify before him as to any violation of the criminal law upon which they may be interrogated, and he is empowered to administer oaths to all witnesses summoned to testify by the process of his court or who may voluntarily appear before him to testify as to any violation or violations of the criminal law.

F.S.A. 932.29 — SAME; PERSON NOT EXCUSED FROM TESTIFYING IN CERTAIN PROSECUTIONS ON GROUND TESTIMONY MIGHT INCRIMINATE HIM; IMMUNITY FROM PROSECUTION

No person shall be excused from attending and testifying, or producing any book, paper or other document before any court upon any investigation, proceeding or trial, for a violation of any of the statutes of this state against bribery, burglary, larceny, gaming or gambling, or of any of the statutes against the illegal sale of spirituous, vinous or malt liquors, upon the ground or for the reason that the testimony or evidence, documentary or otherwise, required of him may tend to convict him of a crime or to subject him to a penalty or forfeiture, but no person shall be prosecuted or subjected to any penalty or forfeiture for or on account of any transaction, matter or thing concerning which he may so testify or produce evidence, documentary or otherwise, and no testimony so given or produced

shall be received against him upon any criminal investigation or proceeding.

F.S.A. 905.17 — WHO MAY BE PRESENT DURING SESSIONS OF GRAND JURY

No person shall be present at the sessions of the grand jury except the witness under examination, the prosecuting attorney, the court reporter or stenographer, and the interpreter, if any. The stenographic records, notes or any transcript thereof made by the court reporter or stenographer shall be filed with the clerk of the court and kept by him in a sealed container not subject to inspection by the public. Such notes, records and transcriptions shall be opened and released by the clerk upon the request of any grand jury for the use of such grand jury and shall be opened and released by the clerk upon the order of the trial judge for use pursuant to the provisions of Sec. 905.27, but not otherwise. No person shall be present while the grand jurors are deliberating or voting. Any person violating either of the above prohibitions may be held in contempt of court.

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